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SUBJECT: ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL VISITS SENEGAL

1. OTTO KERSTEN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU), VISITED SENEGAL JAN. 4-8 AS GUEST OF NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF SENEGALESE WORKERS (CNTS). KERSTEN WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND MINISTER OF LABOR AMADOU LY AND JOINED CNTS SECRETARY GENERAL BABACAR DIAGNE IN ISSUING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH DEPLORED "WITHDRAWAL OF THE AMERICANS FROM THE ILO AND (HOPED) FOR THEIR RETURN TO THIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH THE LEAST DELAY. NEVERTHELESS, THE TWO CONFEDERATIONS AGREED TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOME ADJUSTMENTS (AMENAGEMENTS) MUST BE MADE TO THE ILO'S RULES OF PROCEDURE TO INCREASE ITS EFFECTIVENESS." ICFTU AND CNTS AGREED TO INCREASE THEIR TIES, AND KERSTEN STRESSED TO REPORTERS THAT ICFTU WOULD AID CNTS WITH CREATION OF CONSUMER COOPERATIVES PLUS AN INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE. KERSTEN ALSO MADE POLITE PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ABOUT SUPPORTING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S EFFORTS TO CREATE INTER AFRICAINE SOCIALISTE (DAKAR 0343), AND, AS REPORTED, LEFT SENGHOR WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD CONVINCED

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KERSTEN OF HIS THESIS CONCERNING ALGERIAN IMPERIALISM (DAKAR 190).

2. CNTS OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD LOCAL AALC REP THAT NOTHING SPECIFIC WAS ACTUALLY PROMISED BY KERSTEN AND VISIT MAINLY REPRESENTED EFFORT TO REESTABLISH CONTACT AFTER REORGANIZATION ACCOMPLISHED AT NOVEMBER CNTS CONGRESS

(77 DAKAR 7977). HOWEVER, CNTS OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED
THAT VISIT PROVIDED SYMBOLIC BREAK FROM INTERNATIONAL
ISOLATION WHICH THEY FELT DURING DOUDOU NGOM'S TENURE AS
ORGANIZATION'S SECRETARY GENERAL, PARTICULARLY DURING LEADERSHIP
CRISIS OF PAST YEAR.
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